

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, June 16, 2010, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer
Michael Valenti representing Steven Ditmer	Kevin Coyle representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary. Of DNREC

Absent: Lyn Davenport, Ray Staats, Theodore P. Bobola, Jr., and William Vanderwende.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Kathi Spangler, Scott Blaier, Chrissy Blessing, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Erin Moore.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 1,034 farms in preservation districts totaling 150,285 acres, with a total of 600 farms under agricultural easements totaling 97,198 acres at a cost of \$166,707,138. For PDR 15 (not selected) there are a total of 91 farms, comprising 9,007 acres, with a value of \$93,326,000. For PDR 16, there are a total of 42 farms, comprising 3,871 acres, with a value of \$40,155,000; and for PDR 17 there are a total of 13 farms, comprising 963 acres, with a value of \$9,796,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 36 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,622 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804.

II. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Minner Expansion #3 of the Stayton's District, ID#K-10-02-205L. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Minner Expansion #3 of the Stayton's District, seconded by Edwin Kee. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Ed Kee waived the right of veto for the above Expansion.

IV. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

V. Executive Session – Mr. Parkowski indicated that there was a need for an executive session. **Mr. Allen Messick, Jr. moved to go into executive session, seconded by Edwin Kee. Motion unanimously approved.** The Foundation meeting stopped and the executive session began 8:40 a.m.

At 8:53 a.m. the Foundation meeting resumed and the executive session ended. **Ed Kee moved to exit from executive session, seconded by Velda Jones-Potter. Motion unanimously carried.**

VI. Purchase of Development Rights Round 15 Kent County Selections:

After presentation of the list of selections and discussion, **Edwin Kee moved to accept the list of Kent County selections for PDR Round 15 as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously carried.**

Secretary Edwin Kee left the Foundation meeting at 8:55 a.m. At which time the meeting no longer had a quorum and other business could not be voted on. The minutes and financial statement will be considered at the July meeting along with the memorandum for the moving of funds.

VII. Other Business: Michael McGrath mentioned that we need support for money to fund farmland preservation.

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VIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on July 21, 2010 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garey
Chairman